UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lyons et al.

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Examiner: Bo Peng

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in response to the Official Action mailed March 3, 2006, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- 1. RCE and Fee Sheet;
- 2. Reply and Amendment; and
- 3. Check No. 101503 in the amount of \$1,810.00.00 for the three-month extension of time and the RCE Fee.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be

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needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with a Reply and Amendment, and its above-stated enclosures and fee, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 17, 2006.